
☞ THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ☞

ORDER OF WORSHIP • AUGUST 18, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ GATHERING HYMN

AWAKE, MY SOUL
LBW #269

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ the God of manna, the God of mercy, the God of miracles.

All: **Amen.**

WL: Trusting in the power of God's Spirit to give us life, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

WL: Lord, have mercy.

All: **We confess to you our failure to love. We come to you broken. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Fill us with your love.**

WL: Christ, have mercy.

All: **We confess to you the failings of our strength. We come to you tired, worried, and dispirited. Renew us with your power that we might serve you with joy.**

WL: Lord, have mercy.

All: **We confess to you the failings of our faith. We are shaken, and our fear crowds out your still small voice. Inspire us to trust in you and to walk in your way of death and resurrection.**

WL: Beloved People of God, Christ gave his life to set you free. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Walk now in newness of life. Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

THIS IS THE FEAST
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✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Let us pray. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

PROVERBS 9:1-10

R: Our first lesson on this Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from the ninth chapter of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house;
she has set up its seven pillars.
She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servants, and she calls
from the highest point of the city,
“Let all who are simple come to my house!”
To those who have no sense she says,
“Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.
Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of insight.”

Whoever corrects a mocker invites insults;
whoever rebukes the wicked incurs abuse.
Do not rebuke mockers or they will hate you;
rebuke the wise and they will love you.
Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still;
teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON

EPHESIANS 5:6-21

R: The Second lesson is from the fifth chapter of Ephesians.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. Therefore do not be partners with them.

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE

ALLELUIA, LORD TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 6:51-69

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

“You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN AWAKE, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM DEATH
LSB #697

**Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.**

**To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.**

**Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.**

**For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.**

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

WL: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From
thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WL: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

✠ SANCTUS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD
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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord**

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

✠ HYMN

WE EAT THE BREAD OF TEACHING

REFRAIN We eat the bread of teaching,
drink wine of wisdom,
are given here a taste of the kingdom.
Together joined, the greatest and the least,
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

Wisdom calls throughout the city,
knows our hunger, and in pity
gives her loving invitation
to the banquet of salvation. *REFRAIN*

Simple ones whose hearts are yearning,
come and gain from Wisdom's learning;
bread and wine she is preparing,
know her loving in the sharing. *REFRAIN*

Enter with delight and singing,
for her richness now is bringing
us this joyful celebration;
eat and drink in jubilation. *REFRAIN*

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve
you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us
this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit empower
us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the
hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

✠ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor
and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

✝ SENDING HYMN

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
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✝ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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